

street sweepers and other appurtenances to work on the paved districts, but nothing for the outside. Why would it not be a good idea to buy a traction engine with a train of wagons, and a rock breaker to be run by electricity and macadamize the outlying streets? A traction engine and wagons could haul down from the nearest rock deposits fifty tons of rock at a trip and run at the rate of three and a half miles an hour. Its cost would be about \$20 per day to run sixteen hours. Such an arrangement would macadamize miles of streets in a season. Or could the rock breaker be set running up some canyon and one of the railroads be given the contract to deliver the rock here, then the traction engine and wagons could be run all the time on the streets and in a single season could pretty well macadamize the city. It is worth considering.

#### PROVINCIAL PREJUDICES.

In the current Review of Reviews are two most interesting articles from the pen of John A. Wise, on the late General Longstreet and the late General Gordon, who both died last month. In the sketch on General Longstreet the writer speaks of certain petty prejudices entertained by Longstreet and says:

"It is difficult to locate the origin of his prejudice against what he frequently deprecated as the 'Virginian influence.' But he had it as distinctly as did Aaron Burr in the time of Washington. Possibly it grew out of the old line-and-staff controversy which existed in the army between Scott and Taylor, when Scott was charged with working in the interest of the Virginians. Possibly it had its origin further back, in a feeling which has always existed, to a certain extent, among a certain class in the South, south of Virginia, that the Virginians considered themselves

better than anybody else." Well, Virginians are great chaps at sitting on logs, whittling sticks and telling their pedigrees. But they are different only in degree from the men of other states. The Boston-bred man has to spend a good many years outside of Massachusetts before he ceases to pity everybody who was not born in Boston. To him there are no other such beans as Boston baked beans, no brown bread like Boston brown bread. Is not the air filled with Emerson and Longfellow and Hawthorne halos?

It is not long since the writer heard a native of Missouri declare that there was no other spot comparable in beauty with Pike county. Is there to a New Yorker any other place that should be mentioned on the same day with New York City? Has anybody ever failed to note the look on a genuine Kentuckian's face when the horses, whisky or women of any other county were spoken of approvingly? It is just as bad with the Texans, while any reference to superior men in any state save South Carolina, will make a South Carolinian want to denounce the statement and to hold himself "personally responsible" for his attitude. The same spirit is alive everywhere, even in New Jersey, while the genuine Ohio man, no matter how he may seek to conceal the fact, always has the same feeling about Ohio as had Bill Briggs of Missouri when he wagered \$160,—his last cent,—that St. Louis was the biggest city in the world. And then Chicago; but no matter. One of these days when transportation is increased and fares are cheaper, men will get over their provincialisms and grow out of their narrowness. The estimation by Eastern people of the men of the West has a fixed belief in the East, it is an immense joke in the West. Every Eastern boy and girl, the minute they get out of school, should be compelled to spend six months in the West, and be compelled

to keep moving until he or she should drop on the fact that the narrow horizon of childhood should be broadened. Why, even Grover Cleveland is not much ahead of Nat Goodwin, who says, "One can live in New York City. When they leave that city they camp out."

The prejudice and provincialisms, we suspect, are entirely natural. The same "I am better than thou" trait is often seen in the animals. The stag-hound by instinct goes out to run down and kill a coyote, and yet the original stock of the wolf was as good as was that of the hound. Has not the cockatoo a contempt which it shows when it meets a bird with only plain colors on? The birds and beasts can not be educated out of their beliefs, but men and women should be, for it all comes of ignorance. When the Virginians arrested old Ossawatimie Brown, they execrated him as a fiend, one of the scum of the earth. When his trial came on they took off their hats in admiration and awe of a simple soul that looked down from an infinite distance upon them, with only pity for their hate, and walked to an ignominious death with a serenity and calmness which revealed a heroism that neither death nor the grave could daunt.

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